

## Lord French, Governor General of Ireland, Narrowly Escapes Assassin's Bullet

# U. S. ASKS FAIR TRIAL FOR GOBS HELD IN MEXICO

### TRY TO KILL BRITISH ARMY HEAD IN ERIN

Several Shots Fired at Lord French, Who is in Charge of Repression in Ireland.

WILD SHOT KILLS CIVILIAN

Constable Escorting Official From Dublin to Ashtown Also Wounded by Bullet.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—An attempt was made to assassinate Lord French, commander of the British troops in Ireland, according to a Dublin dispatch to the Evening Standard today.

Several shots were fired, one of them wounding a constable who was escorting Lord French.

The attempt on Lord French's life was made while he was on his way from the vicar's lodge in Dublin to Ashtown.

Directed Repression.

Lord French has been in charge of the repressive measures since the proclamation was recently issued suppressing the Sinn Fein. He was commander-in-chief of the British army at the outbreak of the war, being supplanted by Earl Haig.

A civilian was struck by a stray bullet and killed, the Dublin correspondent of the General News telegraphed.

The attack was made at 1 o'clock this afternoon, according to the Central News.

One of the assassins was shot dead by French's escort.

A bicycle policeman, one of French's escorts, returned the fire of the attacking party, killing one of their number, who had bombs in each hand.

Two Bullets Hit Auto.

Two bullets penetrated the automobile, one lodging in the seat, and the other passing through the canopy.

The would-be assassins were hidden in bushes fringing the road. According to the Dublin correspondent of the Evening Standard there were three or four men in the party. The attack created the utmost excitement in Dublin. Reinforcements of troops and policemen have been ordered out to round up suspected persons among the Sinn Feiners.

LORD FRENCH, commander of British troops in Ireland, who was fired at today, stray shots killing civilian and wounding constable.



SEEK D. C. MAN WHO PHONED "LEAK" TIP

Agents Trail Lawyer Who Knew Brandeis Would Read Dry Decision.

Who flashed the news by long distance phone from Washington to New York last Saturday that Associate Justice Brandeis would be the member of the Supreme Court to read the "wet" and "dry" decision? And how did the man who sent that flash get that information?

This is one of the many angles to the case of the alleged "leak" of Supreme Court decisions, upon which United States detectives today, under the direction of the Department of Justice, are working with the feeling that they will go a long way toward the solution of the whole problem.

Three disinterested witnesses are known to have testified to the fact that the lawyer who claimed he had a way of finding out in advance what Supreme Court decisions would be was in New York on Friday and Saturday preceding the handing down of the "wet" and "dry" decision; that on Saturday this lawyer already possessed accurate knowledge of how the case would be decided, and that the

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### CONFESSION FORCED, WAN DEFENSE SAYS

Third Degree Methods Wrung Confession From Chinese, Counsel Charges.

IS PLACED IN EVIDENCE

Grills Inspector Burlingame in Effort to Discredit Accused's Admission.

That the police practiced the third degree in wringing a confession from Ziang Sung Wan, on trial in Justice Gould's court, Criminal Division, No. 1, for the murder of Ben Sen Wu, one of the members of the Chinese Educational Mission, who was slain January last, was the impression Attorney James A. O'Shea, chief counsel for Wan, attempted to make on the jury today.

Denied by Inspector.

O'Shea had the third degree under bitter fire, but Inspector Guy E. Burlingame, night inspector of detectives, who was subjected to the grueling cross-examination, coolly denied that any such methods were used in extorting the admissions of guilt that Wan is alleged to have made.

Attorney O'Shea attempted to show that Wan, while held in connection with the triple killing, had no formal charges preferred against him—that he was confined in a room at the Dewey Hotel with not sufficient food, without proper medical attention, despite his supposed illness, and that on the first night he was brought to Washington he was forced to stand him in an effort to extort a confession from him.

To all of these questions Inspector Burlingame made a flat denial.

Not True, He Says.

"Isn't it a fact," demanded O'Shea, "that on the night that Wan was brought from New York to Washington he was deprived of food for twelve hours and taken to a room in the old clinic of the Public Health Service, on Fifteenth street, below Pennsylvania avenue, and questioned—that he was forced to stand while a circle of detectives sat about him?"

"No, that is not true," rejoined Burlingame.

"Isn't it true that Wan demanded that he be let alone frequently?" asked Attorney O'Shea.

"Yes, he frequently asked to be let alone."

"Did you let him alone?"

"No, not always. Wan was of a very vicious disposition. When he was asked embarrassing questions he would declare that if he answered them he would incriminate or embarrass himself. We would let him alone for a while, then question him further. Sometimes we did not talk about the triple murder. We would talk about the war, or any subject to quiet him—he became so vicious at times."

"As far as his being sick," Burlingame continued, "I told him I believed he was sick in the head more than in the body. Yes, and when he had confessed to having killed Wu he shook hands with me and said he felt a great deal better."

In starting his cross-examination (Continued on Page 25, Column 7.)

### Olney, Prohibition Advocate, to Ask President to Lift Ban

Congressman Richard Olney of Massachusetts called at the White House today to urge President Wilson to declare demobilization of the army complete, and lift the ban on whiskey stocks so that they might be disposed of by their owners before the constitutional amendment becomes operative.

Olney made his plea as an original proponent of the constitutional amendment and a worker for its ratification in his own State. He said it was clearly understood by members of both Houses that the dealers would be given at least a year to dispose of their goods.

He said that the whiskey dealers were seeking out every flaw in the law and would grasp at any straw. One of these straws might hold, and the course outlined by him would prevent costly litigation, and, he added, "confiscation might result in compensation."

Former Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Chicago was also a visitor at the White House, and stated that he fully subscribed to Mr. Olney's views, and that he would go further in a letter to the President by urging that the President issue an executive order which would permit the States to designate individually the alcoholic content of intoxicants; thus permitting those States that were in favor of light wines and beer to have them.

### Leaders of Both Parties 'Jump' on Pay Revisers When Extension Is Asked

Democratic and Republican leaders this afternoon jumped on the Joint Congressional Reclassification with both feet before they passed the resolution extending the date for filing the report to March 12.

"Raid on Treasury."

more months salary for the members of the commission."

Congressman James Mann of Illinois, Republican, declared that "this is the most skillfully organized raid on the Treasury I ever heard of. If I had my way about it, the report would be buried."

Congressman Byrnes of Tennessee, Democrat, said that he too "would bury the report."

Congressman Snell of New York, Republican, assailed former Congressman Keating, chairman of the reclassification commission, declaring that "if Keating didn't spend so much time writing for and editing labor journals that commission would have its report finished by this time."

Mr. Keating is editor of Labor, a paper advocating the adoption of the Plumb plan for Government ownership of railroads.

Extra Salary Effort.

Congressman Jack Garner of Texas, Democratic whip, charged that it was merely an effort to get "two

### PALMER GIVES TERMS WHICH ENDED STRIKE

Attorney General Tells Senate of Agreement Drawn on Train With Miners.

ASSERTS U. S. WON STRIKE

Declares He Plans to Drop Prosecution of Coal Strike Leaders.

Terms of the agreement reached by Attorney General Palmer and the officials of the United Mine Workers, drafted while they were traveling together on a train from Washington to Indianapolis, were presented to the Senate committee investigating the strike today.

This agreement was approved by the President, according to the Attorney General, and was submitted to the entire Congress.

Terms of Agreement.

The agreement drawn on the train was as follows:

"In accordance with the request of the President as contained in his statement of December 6, the miners will immediately return to work with the 14 per cent increase in wages, which is already in effect.

Immediately upon a general resumption of operations which shall be in all districts, except as to wages, upon the basis which obtained on October 31, 1919, the President will appoint a commission of three persons, one of whom shall be a mine owner, an operator in active business, which commission will consider further questions of labor and working conditions as well as profits of operators and proper prices of coal, readjusting both wages and prices, and making so decide, including differentials and working conditions within and between districts.

"Its report will be made within sixty days if possible, and will be accepted as a basis to a new wage agreement the effective date and duration of which will also be determined by the commission.

"A. M. P. L. I."

The document, Palmer said, was written by himself and after being shown to Mr. Lewis, was initiated by both of them for identification purposes. When he reached Indianapolis he sent it in telegraphic code to the

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### ARMY OFFICER IN PLOT TO SELL 13 U. S. AEROS TO MEXICO

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 19.—An alleged plot to steal thirteen American army airplanes and sell them to the Mexican government for \$125,000 is believed to have been uncovered with the arrest of a lieutenant and a former lieutenant in the air service. It was stated at headquarters of the Southern Department of the Army here today.

According to officials, the lieutenant is being held at Kelly Field here, while the former lieutenant is under arrest at Houston. Technically the men are charged with stealing a motor and other parts of an airplane at Houston.

Officials at headquarters said the lieutenant had admitted the alleged plot, and expressed a willingness to testify against the former lieutenant.

### ARREST GOBS IN MAZATAN AFTER FIGHT

Carranza Government Refuses To Take Action at Request of Ship's Officers.

CABINET TAKES UP CASE

Week's Effort to Pressure Release of Sailors Comes to Naught.

The State Department today advised the American consul at Mazatlan, Mexico, to see that H. V. Lamm and H. O. Martha, American sailors held in jail there, get a fair and speedy trial.

The sailors have been in jail since December 12 on a charge of kidnapping a steamer in a disputed area of the U. S. Gulf of Mexico, a disputed territory.

Carranza Refuses to Act.

Officials of the Carranza government refused to take any action in the case.

The case was discussed at the Cabinet meeting today.

At the State Department today it was said no report of the arrest of the two sailors had been received. It was presumed that the Carranza government was negotiating with the U. S. Government about the same time the Navy Department receives a report from the commander of the Pocahontas.

President Wilson today was in full charge of the Mexican situation. Carranza's reply to the United States note demanding W. O. Jenkins' release has been submitted to the Executive, it was learned authoritatively. The President is in active direction of the Mexican policy. He is considering whether the Jenkins case should be closed by simply forgetting to answer the last note, or by sending another communication, to clear away all evidences of hostility.

Although this Government feels it was tricked in the Jenkins case the consular agent is free on bail, and that makes it impossible to continue demanding his release without getting into a technical debate, which is felt to be the ridiculous, it is felt.

The entire Mexican situation, brought to a critical stage by Carranza's recent action in preventing American companies from drilling for oil in the Gulf, is before the President, it is understood, and action will be determined by him.

Battle Is Imminent.

A major engagement between the forces of Carranza and Pancho Villa in the state of Coahuila is expected, private advices from Mexico said. Since Villa's recent spectacular operations in Coahuila, Carranza has been concentrating a large number of troops to the south of the Villistas in anticipation of a clash. Villa is now thought to be encamped in the mountains of Santa Rosa in Coahuila. He is reported to have a larger number of troops than generally believed. A great number of recruits were obtained by Villa in his operations in Coahuila, it was said.

Fearing a raid by Villa, inhabitants of Piedras Negras are said now to keep the lights of their homes lit all night. One member of a family stands guard at night to give the signal for an exodus across to the American side of the border should there be an attack, it was reported.

## WILL YOU Be a Good Fellow?

White Christmas Is All Very Nice for Well-to-do Children, but It Means Misery for Unfortunates Unless the Good Fellows of Washington Come Across—Strong.

It looks like a white Christmas. It is going to be just the sort of Christmas the rich little feller and the little feller of comfortable means likes. It means sleigh bells and snow men and a regular kid's Christmas. But it is different for the poor little fellow over in the crowded District.

It just means to him that his bottomless shoes preclude any possibility of his enjoying the Yule season. It just means that he is going to be cooped up in his cheerless home unless some Good Fellow takes an especial interest in his case.

Good Fellows Battle Doggedly.

The Good Fellows Army, battling doggedly, today was at death grips with the gray uniforms of misery. The Good Fellows have advanced far into the ranks of gloom, and the battle is pitched against the last ramparts. Overwhelming victory is in sight if volunteers respond in the next three

or four days, ESPECIALLY TODAY. You did much better today, Good Fellows, than on any previous day since the tocsin was sounded for the clan to gather. Good Fellows who volunteered to take care of from one to six families were not uncommon. (Continued from Page 4, Column 35.)

### STEAMERS ICE-BOUND IN LAKE MICHIGAN

Tugs Pound Way Toward Imprisoned Vessels—No Immediate Danger Feared.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Two lake steamers, the Missouri, of the Michigan Transit Company, Chicago-bound from Milwaukee, and the Goodrich liner Alabama, en route to the Goodrich from Grand Haven, Mich., are ice-bound two miles off the Government pier in Lake Michigan today. Both vessels have passengers aboard.

Capt. John Anderson, of the Coast Guard, announced that the ships were in no immediate danger. Tugs are pounding the ice in an effort to release the imprisoned ships.

It is feared that if the vessels are not released shortly the weight of the ice will crush their hulls.

If you could not hang on, take a bath. No alcohol.—Adv.

### BABY STABBED BY THIEF, MOTHER SAYS

New York Woman Declares Burglars Attacked Infant When She Flew.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Near death from a stab wound in the neck, a four weeks old baby lies in the Wyckoff Heights Hospital, Brooklyn. The mother, Mrs. Helen Burd, told the police that shortly after noon yesterday two men entered her apartment, attempted to hold her up, and when she fled, apparently attacked the child.

She did not find the baby's condition until, hearing no further sound from the room from which she had run, she returned to find the burglars gone and the baby stabbed.

The case, following close on that of "Buddy" Blake, believed to have been crowned off the end of an Atlantic pier by a demented mother, is being thoroughly investigated by the police.

### LONDON PRESS DIFFERS ON GEORGE'S SPEECH

Graphic Astonished That Premier Did Not Pledge Aid to France.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Comment on Premier Lloyd George's speech yesterday was of a varied character today.

The Daily Graphic is astonished that the premier did not declare that Great Britain would go to France's aid in case she was attacked, no matter what America does regarding the treaty.

The Telegraph expressed approval of the premier's Russian policy, and also of the decision to rush peace with Turkey regardless of the United States.

The Daily News sees a necessity of the house of commons forcing the premier to live up to the warmth of his professed loyalty to the league of nations as a sole hope for the world.

The Chronicle declared that the United States should awake to the danger of its delay in acting on peace, declaring that it bids fair to cost more lives than the world war.

According to the Morning Post the premier's confession of failure of his foreign policy, backed President Wilson instead of strengthening himself in the interest of the proposed alliance.

There is no Russia to make peace with, it is curious that there is a Russia against which to wage an unrelenting starvation war," was the comment of the Daily Herald.

The Daily Mail said: "We waited for American intervention which downed the Hun. Only American cooperation can carry us through to peace. We believe as firmly as ever in American generosity and disinterestedness."

PERSHING REPORT PRINTED.

The House today ordered 100,000 copies of General Pershing's report on the war published, to be distributed by members of Congress.

### MINERS OBEY ORDER TO RETURN TO WORK

Big Strides Being Made to Resume Normal Production of Coal.

Miners are obeying leaders' instructions to return to work pending inquiry into whether further wage increases are justified, and big strides are being made toward resuming normal coal production, the Railroad Administration announced today.

"On December 12, 1,058,000 tons of bituminous coal were produced, equivalent to 52 1/2 per cent of the pre-strike average," it was stated.

"By December 16 this volume had risen to 1,595,000 tons, or 79.1 per cent of the pre-strike average (based on the high rate of production during October) or, in other words, 30,922 cars, a greater amount than the average daily production during the corresponding week in December, 1917, which averaged 30,000 cars, and it is considerably in excess of the production during the corresponding week of December, 1916 and 1918.

### CANADIAN WOMEN PLAN PILGRIMAGE TO GRAVES

Widows, Mothers, and Sisters of Those Who Fell Overseas to Honor Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A great pilgrimage of bereaved Canadian women to the graves of their dead in England and France will begin in January, says the Daily Express.

They are the widows, mothers, and sisters of Canadian soldiers who fell in the war. Special preparations are being made to assure the comfort of the pilgrims.

The Canadian Red Cross Society has secured a two years' lease upon a big, comfortable house in Kensington which will be turned into a hotel for the use of the Canadian women.

CUBA O. K.'S TREATY.

The Cuban Senate has unanimously approved the German peace treaty. The State Department was advised today.

### MEXICO DENIES HER OIL OUTPUT IS DECREASING

The Mexican embassy today issued a formal denial of "rumors" which are being spread with a view of making the American people believe that the Mexican petroleum industry is decreasing.

A statement issued by the embassy declared that the potential daily capacity of all oil wells at the start of the present year was 1,600,000 barrels, and today it is over 2,000,000. Lack of vessels for transportation has caused the output to be restricted, the statement said.

TAKE WELL-AND-BEFORE-IT-IS-TOO-LATE. The good diagnosis makes you feel better.